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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)
Richard L. Palinkas) Ex: B. Pezzlo
Title: SIDE BEARING PAD) Group Art Unit: 3613
Serial No.: 09/407,053)
Filed: September 27, 1999) (Our Docket No. 6350-05)

Hartford, Connecticut, January 22, 2001

BOX: NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 31, 2000, please amend
the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 1

1. (Amended) A bearing pad assembly comprising:
a first housing having an exterior surface and defining a bore
extending at least part-way through said first housing;
a first load bearing member coupled to said first housing, and defining